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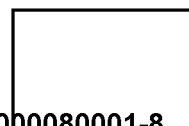
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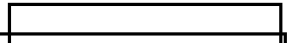


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LEBANON: More Army Teams to South

Defense Minister Khoury yesterday told Ambassador Dean that he and the commander of UN peacekeeping forces had decided to send an additional 16 Lebanese Army personnel to south Lebanon on Wednesday to join UN battalions as liaison representatives. Eight were sent to the UN units last week in the first stage of a plan to establish a Lebanese Government presence in the south before 19 January, when the UN forces' mandate comes up for renewal. Khoury's decision to send more teams this week probably will anger the Israelis and their Christian militia allies, who are suspicious of government intentions in the south. The Israelis had been informed of the Lebanese plans, but they had requested further consultations before the teams were deployed.

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OVERNIGHT REPORTS

(The items in the Overnight Reports section have not been coordinated within the intelligence community. They are prepared overnight by the Office of Current Operations with analyst comment where possible from the production offices of NFAC.)

Iran

Press reports from Tehran indicate that the Shah left Iran today without holding the expected press conference. Just before his departure, the Majlis, Iran's lower house of parliament, gave Prime Minister Bakhtiar's government a vote of confidence by a surprisingly wide margin--149 to 43 with 13 abstentions. The Iranian Senate had given its approval to the Bakhtiar government yesterday.

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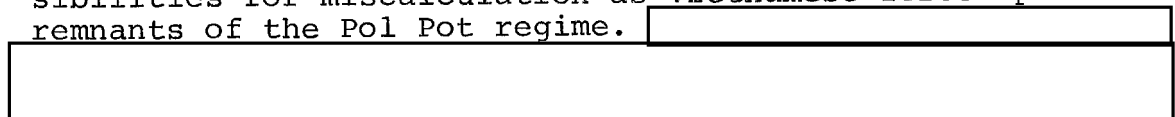
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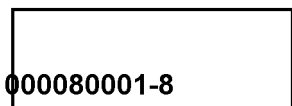
In an assessment of the current situation, the US Embassy in Bangkok reported yesterday that the Thai are drifting into acceptance, albeit reluctant, of Vietnamese forces on their border. The prospect of direct Thai military action in Kampuchea, never very high, is receding daily. The Embassy believes there are numerous possibilities for miscalculation as Vietnamese forces pursue remnants of the Pol Pot regime.

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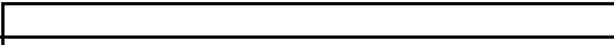
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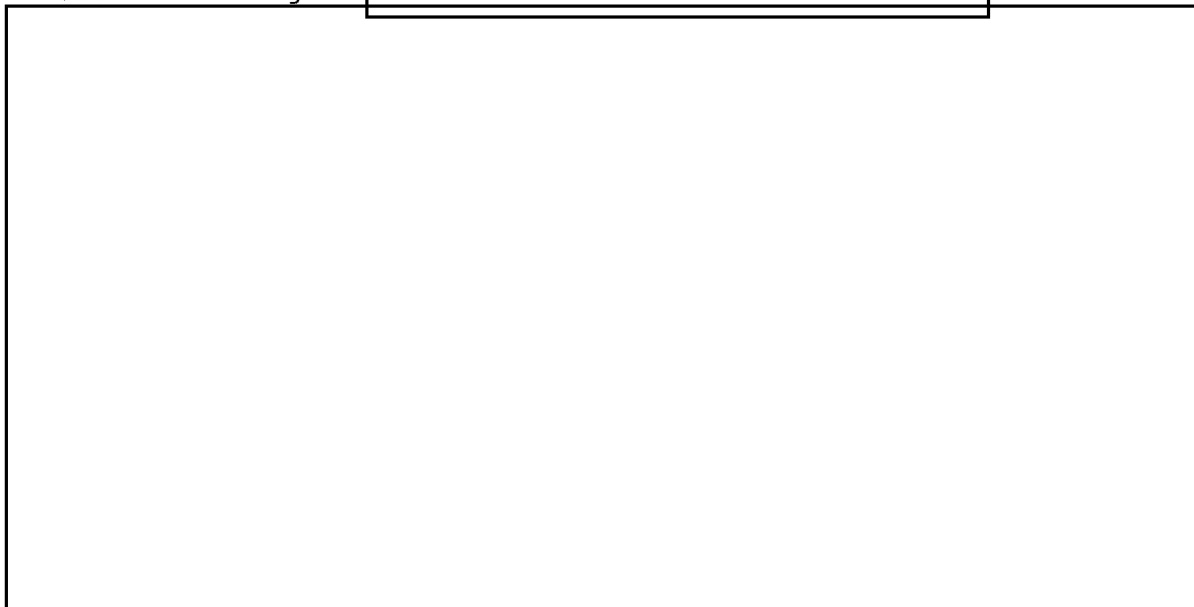
Bolivia

According to press reports, a spokesman for the Padilla government last night announced the resignations of 15 of the 18 ministers in the nearly all-military cabinet. The ministers allegedly resigned to give President Padilla a free hand in choosing his team for guiding Bolivia toward a return to democracy. The spokesman said the new cabinet would be named today. Elections are scheduled for 1 July, and reforms to make them more democratic were announced last Thursday. Padilla ousted the more authoritarian Juan Pereda in a bloodless coup two months ago.

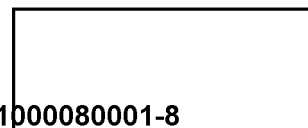
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